HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1015 By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Corey Brewer, forward for the 2005-2006 University of Florida men's basketball team.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful collegiate athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer, a sophomore forward at the University of Florida, recently completed an outstanding season with the Gators, leading his team to an amazing record of thirty-three wins against only six losses, winning the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Title, and winning the 2005-2006 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portland, Tennessee, Corey Brewer attended Portland High School where he played basketball; he was recognized as a McDonald's All-American, and he earned All-America honors from *Parade Magazine* (Fourth Team) and *Slam Magazine* (Honorable Mention); and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was named Mid-State Player of the Year by *The Tennessean*, TSSAA Class AA Mr. Basketball, and Gatorade's Tennessee Player of the Year; he averaged more points per game than any Mid-State player in Tennessee with 29.4, and he averaged 12.8 rebounds per game his senior year; and

WHEREAS, continuing his high school basketball success at the collegiate level, Corey Brewer has made immeasurable contributions to the University of Florida men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 season, Corey Brewer scored 494 points, grabbed 186 rebounds, made 128 assists, and blocked 16 shots; he averaged 12.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was the first Florida basketball player to record a tripledouble; he had 15 points, ten rebounds, and ten assists against Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Corey Brewer was named to the preseason All-SEC First Team by both the coaches poll and media poll, and he was named Most Valuable Player of the Coaches vs. Cancer Regional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer was also named to the SEC All-Tournament Team, garnered SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors, and was recognized with an All-SEC Team Honorable Mention; in addition to his athletic accomplishments, he was named to the 2005-2006 SEC Winter All-Academic Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, a tremendous and talented athlete, Corey Brewer played a crucial role in the University of Florida's amazing run in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament; the Gators defeated South Alabama 76-50 in the first round of NCAA tournament play; after crushing Wisconsin-Milwaukee 82-60, the Gators overpowered Georgetown by the score of 57-53 to advance to the Elite Eight; and

WHEREAS, facing top-seeded Villanova, Corey Brewer and Florida won 75-62 to advance to the Final Four and then trounced George Mason 73-58 to set the stage for a Title Game match-up with UCLA; and

WHEREAS, leading the Gators in the Tournament Final, Corey Brewer scored eleven points, grabbed seven rebounds, and made four assists in Florida's 73-57 win over UCLA to claim the NCAA Men's Basketball National Title; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer's determination, work ethic, and talent have not only made possible a memorable and successful basketball career, but also surely point toward his success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Corey Brewer epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Corey Brewer, forward for the University of Florida men's basketball team, upon winning the 2006 NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament Title, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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